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The art rejections are traversed for at least the reason advanced in the Preliminary Amendment filed August 10, 2001, i.e., Baranski or other applied references or the knowledge generally available in the art does not supply the suggestion or motivation to use a vertically oriented fence as a horizontally oriented conveyor.

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been traversed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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